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The Honorable Admiral Stanfield Turner
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
McLean, Virginia 22101

Dear Admiral Turner:

Recently Mr. Anthony Francis, a member of the National Advisory Board of the American Security Council obtained possession of three films which he says were taken clandestinely by underground elements in Latvia. Mr. Francis, an American citizen who born in Latvia, is convinced that they are authentic. The films were smuggled out by an organization known as the Latvian Christians Human Rights Group. The enclosed letter addressed to me by Mr. Francis explains some details about the films. Mr. Francis brought the films to Washington for us to review in the hope that they might be used in some way to get over to the American public some understanding of Soviet slave labor camp life. The films, although somewhat amateurish, seem to be authentic in the sense that the scenes depicted several aspects of slave labor camps in Riga where the prisoners worked as slave laborers in various factories.

The thought occurs to us that maybe these films, if found to be authentic, might be of some interest to C.I.A. If so, we'll gladly lend them to you. If you think it worthwhile to see these films we would appreciate having your evaluation of the authenticity of the scenes depicted so that we might determine how they might be used in one of the documentary films which we make from time to time.

If the C.I.A. has any interest in seeing the films and giving us an evaluation, please let me know to whom we should deliver the films. I can be reached on 296-4587.

Sincerely,

Elbridge Durbrow
Elbridge Durbrow
U.S. Ambassador (Retired)
Director

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